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USSR - Berlin Air Corridors: The Soviet note of 20 June protesting the new Pan American direct New York - Berlin flight is designed in part to support Moscow's current campaign to bolster East Germany's international position.

This latest Soviet move follows the recent Soviet - East German Friendship Treaty which reaffirmed the GDR's sovereign rights. It does not suggest that Moscow intends to mount a new campaign at this time to challenge Western air access to West Berlin, but rather appears aimed at blocking commercial international flights which do not make at least transit stops in West Germany.

Although the Pan American flights began on 30 May, the Soviet representative in the Berlin Air Safety Center (BASC) had treated these flights in a completely routine manner, apparently deferring any action until the 12 June Soviet - East German Friendship Treaty was signed.

In addition to focusing attention on the question of international flights between West Berlin and other countries, the Soviet Union may also bring up last summer's list of "practical measures" which called for Western payment for using communications facilities across GDR territory.

By maintaining pressure on this issue, Moscow may hope to induce Western airlines to reach some agreement with the GDR in light of the recent willingness of the West German airline to consider informal arrangements with the East Germans. Both the 20 June note and an earlier 19 March protest took the position that such international flights into West Berlin must be set up by establishing "appropriate contacts with competent authorities or organizations of the GDR."

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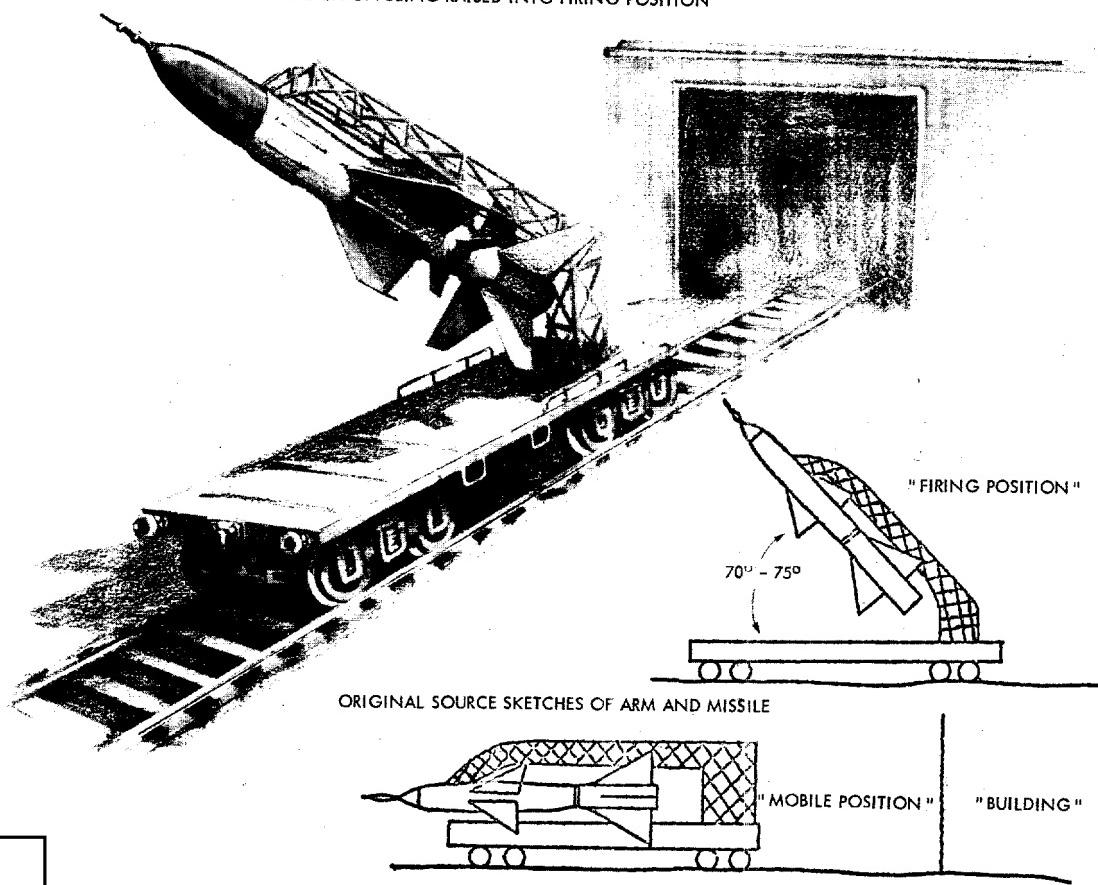
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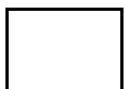
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ARTISTS CONCEPT BASED ON DESCRIPTION OF SOVIET T. V. FILM
SHOWING GRIFFON BEING RAISED INTO FIRING POSITION



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USSR: Soviet TV has provided further indication of an antimissile missile role of the GRIFFON.

The launch of a GRIFFON missile and its alleged subsequent intercept of an incoming missile were shown in a recent Soviet TV film. The film also showed, for the first time, the missile with its erector-launcher mounted on the rail car or dolly from which it was fired.

The GRIFFON is not known to be operational. It is believed to be the missile intended for deployment in the probable AMM complexes near Leningrad. Technical analysis and Soviet statements, however, indicate that it may also have an air defense mission.

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NOTES

West Germany - USSR: The West German press reports that Khrushchev's son-in-law, Aleksei Adzhubei, has accepted the invitation of several German newspapers to visit the Federal Republic in the latter half of July. The Foreign Ministry, which approved the invitation, may consider the visit a preliminary step to arranging a meeting between Erhard and Khrushchev. Erhard told the press on 19 June that he was willing to meet Khrushchev in Bonn if such a meeting promised to achieve some progress in resolving the German question.

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Austria - North Korea: The Austrian Government seems prepared to accept a North Korean trade mission in Vienna, Pyongyang's first permanent mission in Western Europe. Austrian officials claim they see no way to prevent the Koreans from setting up such a mission if, as now seems likely, negotiations on some \$30 million worth of contracts are successfully concluded. Although banking officials will not comment, the US Embassy suspects that the Austrians will work out some kind of long-term credit arrangement with Pyongyang.

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